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# 'Freak accident' with horse kills UTM rodeo member

**BRIAN HOLLAND** Executive Editor

A female UTM rodeo team member died Tuesday night after suffering a massive head injury in a rodeo accident at the UTM Equine Center and Rodeo Practice Center.

Valerie Odette Devillers, a 20-

major from Verac, France, was pronounced dead at 5:59 p.m. at Volunteer General Hospital in Martin from injuries she received when a saddle bronc bucking horse she was riding stepped on her head, according to Safety and Security reports.

The accident reportedly occurred

year-old freshman Animal Science about 5:15 p.m. when Devillers was to come off her foot. She was then attempting to ride a bucking horse for the third time ever.

According to S&S reports, witnesses said Devillers began to slide off the right side of the horse after it had made four jumps. As she began to lose her balance, her left boot got caught in the stirrup, which caused it

pulled under the horse.

Devillers reportedly dropped onto her stomach directly under the horse. The horse's rear right hoof came down, landing on the base of her

"As she was falling off the horse, her boot got stuck just long enough to flip her under the horse," said Tony Coleman, rodeo coach. "It was a freak accident. If the horse would have stepped on any other part of her body she might have just had some broken bones or something like that, but it stepped on her head."

Witnesses said Devillers was unconscious after the accident.

No attempts were made to move Devillers, for fear of causing further injury, until emergency personnel arrived about five minutes after the accident. An ambulance arrived about 10 minutes later, which transported Devillers to VGH. She was placed in the care of attending emetgency room physician Dr. Nancy Urankar, who reported that Devillers was dead at 5:59.

Friends say Devillers and heridentical twin sister. Elonore, transferred to UTM this fall from Union University in Jackson so she could join the rodeo team and pursue her dream of becoming a successful saddlebrone

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## Friends recall Devillers's courage, spirit

JERIANNE THOMPSON Managing Editor

In the short time she was at UTM, Valerie Devillers impressed people in many ways -- with her warm spirit, her love of horses and her dedication to accomplish her dreams.

Valerie died while following her dream of conquering a saddle brone. bucking horse Tuesday evening. She was thrown from the horse she was attempting to ride and suffered severe injuries that resulted in her death. Valerie was å freshman Animal Science major.

Valerie and her twin-sister, ' Eleonore (affectionately called Leo), "Her goal from the time she first first came to the United States from France in the fall of 1992 to attend high school as foreign exchange students. Valerie attended a school in Jackson, while Eleonore went to Brownsville. Both girls decided to continue their education in America and chose to attend Union University in Jackson.

Probably everyone in the (International) program knew her; it was hard not to. She was very vivacious, outgoing, bright and determined. She seemed to just attract people to her," said Sandra Baker, director of International Programs and foreign student adviser.

'She was doing what she wanted to do. It was her dream," said Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, assistant professor of History. Carls was one of the first of the UTM family to come in contact with Valerie. Carls said

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'HORSES WERE HER LIFE,' said UTM Rodeo Coach Tony Coleman et Valerie Devillers. Devillers died Tuesday from injuries she suffered in an accident at a rodeo practice. She was the first female in Coleman's 16 years with the team to try to ride a saddle bronc bucking horse.

#### **Academic Speaker**

# Varona emphasizes Spanish influence in America

KATRINA BERRY Associate News Editor

Even though history textbooks may not emphasize it, Spanish culture has had a marked influence on U.S. society; said Dr. Frank de Varona

Varona spoke Monday in Humanities Auditorium to kick off Southern Cultures Week at UTM, which continues today.

Varona, the superintendent of Dade

County, Fla., Public Schools, which UTM Honors Programs, said the purincludes the city of Miami, has published numerous articles in newspa-

pers, magazines and books in both the United States and Spain. He has also worked as a writer and an editorial consultant for 11 major text-

book publishers. Dr. Ernest Blythe, director of the

pose of this week is to celebrate all the cultures here in the South, but this year's emphasis lies on Hispanic contributions.

This year's Southern Cultures Week also coincides with National Hispanic Month, Sept. 15 - Oct. 15.

Varona said Americans need a greater understanding and appreciation of how Latinos have contributed to the American society.

He said textbooks have omitted.

Hispanic contribution because American history begins with the original 13 colonies. However, the Spanish were the first to explore the Americas in 1493 and to establish a permanent settlement, St. Augus-

Varona said two U.S. presidents realized the importance of Hispanic contributions. He quoted Thomas Jefferson, who said. "The oldest history of the United States is written

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W.Matt Meyer, Editorials Editor

#### THE PACER SAS ...

# Tragedy shows us true meaning of courage

Courage.

One simple word, yet it represents a commitment of faith and belief in something that most of us never know, or even recognize.

While most of us can accept the unavoidable dangers of life -second-hand smoke or the remote chance of the plane we're on
crashing -- there is another breed of people who knowingly accept
much greater risks and danger because they know that is the price for

realizing their dreams.

Life is a risky game.

OUR COMMENT
It shouldn't stop you from playing

Risks are inherent to success. These people want to succeed and want to achieve their dreams. They know they must face life's many and varied challenges. This means that when they come to a wall, they don't stop and curse it for being in their way and never wonder how they could get around it. Rather, their

courage helps them face these challenges and strengthen their spirit so they can plow through the adversity and roadblocks along the path of life.

They are everywhere, all around us, even at UTM, and they are examples of true courage. Athletes, veterans and soldiers-in-training, and those studying for law enforcement careers are examples of UTM students who have had to accept the dangers inherent to achieving their dreams and ambitions.

Valerie Devillers is another example of those few here at UTM who have the courage to follow their dream. In fact, it was her dream to compete in rodeo that brought her to Martin. She even participated in a rodeo event that is usually reserved for males. She knew the dangers and worst-case scenarios of her sport but chose to accept them to pursue her dream.

Dreams and success do not come easy. They must be fought for, and the price is sometimes great. The rewards, however, can be immense, even if they are as simple as being able to stand in front of the mirror and say "I did it. I made it."

We should not let risk or fear of failure be a deterrent from living life to the fullest and realizing our dreams.

Valerie followed her dream and, in the process, taught us the meaning of true courage.

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#### Opinion



# What does it mean to be a Southerner?

UTM students were asked to type their response to this question in the UC on Monday during the kick-off activity of Southern Cultures Week. The event, the Computer Writing Marathon, was sponsored by the University Scholars, the Computer Center and Neal Rawls vending, which supplied each writer with a free Moon Ple.

When most think about the South, they are reminded of days of share-cropping, lynching and marching for civil rights. Though these bitter memories have yet to tarnish or rust, they are in the past. Today I am proud to say that I am an important product of the South, as well as a contributor to what it means to be Southern.

-Tereska Davis is a senior Biology major from Memphis.

I am not really a Southerner; I'm just living here for a while. However, I can write about what it's like to live here. And the best way I can describe living in the South is to share a poem which I am continuously writing and revising:

You'll always know you're in the South When with your outstretched hand You pick hibiscus flowers and gently crumble them

Squeezing the crushed petals in your hand

A soothing cup of warm tea flows out.

-David McBeth is an assistant profes-

Being a Southerner to me means that I can speak with a bad accent and use bad grammar and still have everyone around understand me.

-Monica Ray is a junior Psychology major from Shelbyville.

To me, the South represents the trials and hardships of African-Americans, but it is also here that many battles are being won. Although racism still exists, many have not forgotten Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream. One day we will overcome, and we will look past the color of one's skin to judge people on their character.

-Katrina Berry Is sophomore Communications major from New Jersey.

The South is blank-eyed possums on back roads and old men on sagging front porches, telling stories to the open air and the past that is gathered around like an audience. It is debutantes and accents, and Queen Anne's lace and mockingbirds. It is tradition and oppression and diversion, all rolled into one.

-Delaney Gill is a freshman Art major from Ashland City.

Being a Southerner is more than living below the Mason-Dixon line; it's a state of mind. This includes Moon Pies, barbecues and living in the prettiest part of the country.

Jennifer L. Whorton is an Animal

-Jennifer L. Whorton is an Animal Science/Pre-Vet major from Memphis.

Being a Southerner means having to remember the past, because there's always some idiot in the family who longs for the day when the South will rise again. These people lead to your being judged according to a certain stereotype which does have some basis but is far from a universal truth.

Jason R. Tippitt is a senior English major from Camden.

I will never be a "Southern lady," but I am trying to carve a place for myself. I figure it is good for young men and women in the South to see that not all women conform to the same cultural standards, and yet they can contribute to the social groups around them.

-Lynn Alexander is an associate professor of English.

One thing about being a Southerner is the attention you get when you go up North because of your accent. Some Northerners have heard me speak and were astounded that I was wearing shoes and didn't have a moonshine jug attached permanently to my hand!

Jill Dinwiddle is a senior Biology/ History major from Camden.

I am originally from the North and if I had my choice in the matter I

would still be fiving up north because the fast life is one I am very familiar with. This is not to say the South doesn't have its good points, but I feel that the bad points by far outweigh the good. Until people in the South grow up, learn to get along and realize that we as people are all equal, then these problems with racism, etc. will continue.

-Michael Webb is a sophomore Pre-Med major from Union City.

This is what it means to be a Southerner. Being able to say "ya ont to" and have people know what you are talking about. It's about eating, thinking and talking different. It's about not calling Yale vs. Harvard 'college football." It's about playing badminton at a family reunion with people you have never seen before and had no idea that you were related to. Most of all, though, it's a state of mind -- that laid back, eatin' grits, goin' to church on Sunday, never ridden a subway, thinkin' O'Charley's is a fancy restaurant state of mind. Simple yet wonderful.

Scott McWhirter is a senior Philosophy major from Antioch.

Southern, Outgoing, Understanding, Twangy, Helpful, Elvis Lover, Respectful, Nice, Earthy, Resourceful.

-Candace Rabbage-Ward is a senior Communications/Marketing major from Martin

Growing up in the South, I had little reason to question what people from other areas thought about us. It was not until I went to graduate school, that I learned that Northeasterners really believed that we in the South didn't wear shoes!

A few years later, however, when living in France, I found that the French concept of the South was totally related to country music. Their opinion of us in the South was very high. However, what others think of us makes less difference than what we think of ourselves.

Even with all our blemishes, we still have the most caring people in the world and the most opportunity for development of all the peoples in the world.

-Chancellor Margaret Perry

# Remembering, mourning Valerie

Two young women, obviously sisters, came forward at the end of the first class meeting. They waited their turn, and more, among first-day-of-class, afterclass question askers. Would I sign their class schedule? I asked why. "We are foreign students, and our money hasn't arrived. We have to have instructor signatures to hold our place in class." I signed, inquired of their home. "France," they said, "South France, Bordeaux," I told them that I had been to France, even to South France.

I asked my colleagues, "What's the story on the sisters from France?" "The twins?" "Are they twins?" "Yes."

Valerie and Eleonore were twins, maybe even identical twins. They looked somewhat different, but I am unable to say how. They were skilled horse riders and trainers. Dressage, jumping, that type of horse and riding. They were here because of the new Equine Center, a horse boarding and riding facility, recently purchased for UTM. That's why the twins were here. They had a waiting list of horses to train from Memphis. They were good.

Two weeks ago on Tuesday, Eleonore was not in class at 8 a.m. for the quiz on sheep and goats, Valerie explained after class that Eleonore had broken her leg in a horse accident. Both bones. Compound fracture. Surgery was required. It had happened Saturday.

Campus Quotes

Jennifer Shockley, Freshman

"I don't like the town. It's too small. If

school, it would be better. Now it's just a

there were more people here who weren't in



Guest Column

William Ahlschwede

morning that week, and by evening, was at the Equine Center in a wheelchair, watching Valerie ride a bucking horse. It was an organized practice for the rodeo team, and Valerie took her turn at saddle bronc riding. She was bucked off but was cheered by the cowboys for her effort.

When I entered the building this (Wednesday) morning the Agronomy professor was arranging the chairs in preparation for an hour exam. Yesterday, Eleonore and Valerie and 31 other students took my hour exam in that room. We were crowded, sitting too close for the integrity of the exam, but we made do. I read the exams twice yesterday with no indication of committee work by students.

The Agronomy professor asked if I had heard about the accident last night. One of the French girls had been killed at the Equine Center. I felt my body sink, but I was still standing. I did not move. I just heard this, he said, a horse accident, or something. Maybe we'd better make certain.

The dean was in the hallway as I stepped out. "How'ya doing?" he asked. "Not too well," I replied. My eyes apparently asked the question I could not.

Valerie had been bucked off a Eleonore was in class Thursday saddle brone at the Equine Center

compiled by W.Matt Meyer

last night, and kicked in the head by the bucking saddle bronc horse, killing her.

Around me, the bustle of the office continued, but was subdued. The students in the hall between classes are walking heads down, not many smiles. And I have before me on my desk 33 exams to finish reading. Thirty-one plus Eleonore's, plus Valerie's. I've read them all twice and scored them. They await one more reading, one more critical evaluation to insure consistency in grading. I am unable to pick the papers up.

I look from the pile of exams to my bulletin board, square into the eyes of a horse, a line drawing of a horse's head. A quarter-view of the head and neck of an alert horse. Left nostril, left, eye, star on forehead, outline of right eye in silhouette, and bangs hangingbetween short, pointed, erect

It is a copy I made of one of Valerie's horses, drawn on the back of the first quiz in Animal 220. In my office yesterday, less than two hours before she died, Valerie said, "I know that horse."

... And now Brahms plays in my mind, "Behold all flesh is as the grass, and all the goodliness of man is as the flower of grass. For lo, the grass with reth and. the flower thereof decayeth...

And "...blessed are they that mourn, for they shall have comfort.'

Ahlschwede is an assistant professor in Agricultural and Natural Resources

The toilet paper dispensers in the dorms really rub me the wrong way.

let me rephrase that. The toilet paper dispensers in the residence halls are a real pain in the . . . no, that's not good either.

Let me start over. I'm tired of not being able to

start tearing off little bits of the roll and coax it around and around as you try to keep a few sheets intact so you can do'your business. What you end up with is a handful of paper shreddings and a gnarled roll of paper. You kind of feel like Ollie North.

However, there is hope: On the rare chance that the custodians put

### THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

By W. Matt Meyer



pull toilet paper off the roll in my dorm in a normal fashion.

The contraptions that are in our bathrooms are quite possibly the worst method of dispensing toilet paper I have ever seen. I truly believe that whoever is in charge of toilet paper dispensing here at-UTM actually thought, "What is . the absolute worst method of dispensing toilet paper ever seen?" He then, of course, proceeded to purchase a few thousand of these lovely units and install them stealthily in our dorm rooms over the Christmas break one year; hoping we wouldn't notice.

Had I been asked, I would rather have the big, round roll that places like Wal-Mart and McDonalds are fond of. That monster would probably last a few semesters.

Also, the best feature of the McDonalds Gigant-A-Roll is the extra wide slot available for paper retrieval. Because the space on UTM's rolls is so microscopic, you have to almost beg the paper to roll out on its own -- you can't get a good grip. It is especially hard if it's a brand new roll. You have to

the paper in the dispenser with the tissue rolling from the bottom, rather than the top, then things seem to go a little smoother. Don't ask me why this is, but it works. The dispenser in my room must be schizophrenic.

Because of all this trouble, I am thinking of forming a 12-step group on campus, but I couldn't come up with any good acronyms. You have to have a good acronym, or at least a legithmate rallying point (which I don't think I have, either) to form a successful support group. Besides, I could only think of six steps.

I know this column is extremely scatological, but it was to prove a point -- it shouldn't have to be so hard.

I shouldn't have to write a column about toilet paper. I shouldn't have to waste my precious time picking shards of paper off a roll that simply wants to stay intact. I have enough things in my life to waste time doing, like watching "Beayis and Butthead" or going to the "Quadstock" reunion tonight.

The great irony about the whole situation is that the toilet paper in the bathroom is unusable anyway and probably works as sandpaper in some of the finer carpentry shops.

Anyway, I see the whole situation as a metaphor for life here at UTM -- it may be hard to deal with, but you can still get the job done

And I know this was a rough column to read, but now it's coming to an end.

Oooooohhh. ... let me rephrase

Meyer is a senior Communications major from Jackson. He is Editorials Editor for The Pacer.

Letters to the editor must include major. phone number and classification.

We can be reached by campus mail at 314 Gooch or over e-mail at PACERGUTMARTNBITNET.

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### Is Martin boring? Why/Why not?

"Yeah. Everything closes down at midnight. If you want to get something to eat, you have to get donuts or Tony's. And no one goes to the sports activities, because there is a low school spirit.

Dewayne Harper, Senior



"No. People here are so close together. It's fun just hanging out with my friends."

Cynthia Kerr, Sophomore



college town.

"Yes. There is nothing happening here. In Kentucky they were always having movies and other things, like dances, for the students."

Marlon Jones, Senior

"It's pretty boring. We need some more on-campus activities -- more concerts, more carnivals -- things to bring the students together."

Myron Jones, Junior



"Yes. There is not anything to do here. There is no mall and everybody goes home on the weekends."

Eric Hoy, Sophomore



### LRC offers services for everyone

MICHELLE SKELTON Staff Writer

The Learning Resource Center is a support unit for the School of Education, but it also provides services such as laminating, binding, faxing and film developing for all students.

"Helping teachers teach and learners learn is the motto of the Learning Resource Center, and that is our goal," says Mary Vaughan, director of the LRC.

The LRC's four units are staffed by Vaughan; three graduate assistants -- Susan Weant, Catherine Nailling and Debbie Conley; two honors students and 10 work study students.

The Media Lab in 213 Gooch has equipment available to students such as laminators and copy machines for making transparencies, as well as rulers, staplers and hole punchers.

The lab also has an Ellison Letter machine which cuts out letters, numbers and shapes and a new poster machine which will enlarge flyers for only \$5.

Since the LRC doesn't have a budget, many sororities and fraternities have donated patterns for the Ellison machine. Recently, Alpha Phi Omega donated two turtle patterns. The Curriculum Library in 216 Gooch contains a Tennessee Textbook Depository, as well as curriculum guides and the children's literature collection from the library. There is also a place for students to study.

The NASA unit is located in 208



STUDENT EMPLOYEES make copies at the LRC in 213 Gooch. The center offers numerous services to UTM.

Gooch and contains an information network of materials and services available from NASA. Videotapes, slides, Apple Computer Software, filmstrips, audiotapes and publications can all be used by students. The NASA Regional Teacher Resource Center began two years ago.

The Computer Lab in 212 Gooch was recently renovated to contain Power Macs and Internet.

The renovation is due to the efforts of Dr. Don Kellogg, director of the Center of Excellence for Science and Mathematics," Vaughan said.

The Computer Lab is directed by a graduate assistant, and work study students are available for those needing help with the computers.

The Computer Lab is open 8 a.m -11 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m - 6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m - 6 p.m. Saturday and 1-10 p.m. Sunday.

The center's other three units are open 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Friday.

#### Gifts to UTM total \$1.4 million

Courtesy University Relations

UTM had a record-breaking year with gifts totalling more than \$1.4 million from over 2,035 contributors. Gifts to the UT system totaled nearly \$50 million, and alumni contributions topped \$10 million for the first time, UT officials said.

"Thanks to the support from the community, alumni and friends literally all over the country, this has been the best year in private support to UTM," said Len Hoffman, director of Development. "This money will enable us to strengthen our academic and athletic programs and bring UTM to new heights of regional and national distinction."

Gifts to UTM have been earmarked for scholarships, faculty development, equipment and the library, Hóffman said.

For the UT system, a total of \$49.9 million was received for the fiscal year that ended June 30, UT President Joe Johnson said.

Nearly 47,000 alumni and friends gave \$10.4 million to UT's annual giving program, which was chaired by Robert Barger of McLemoresville,

Tenn., past president of the U tional Alumni Association. The number of annual giving contributors represents approximately one-fourth of UT's alumni.

"This is the highest total in the university's history, and this \$50 million will pay rich dividends for many years," Johnson said. "Tax dollars just don't stretch far enough to allow us to do some of the things we need to do, like improving academic resources, giving scholarships and rewarding faculty for excellence in the classroom, laboratory and out across Tennessee.

"We are extremely pleased with the number of contributors. People only give money to organizations, people and programs in which they have confidence," Johnson said.

At UTM, annual giving increased more than -\$40,000 for a total of \$260,411. Special one-time gifts of \$5,000 and above rose more than \$80,000 to a total of \$280,474. Corporate and corporate matching gifts at UTM increased more than \$57,000 to a total of \$121,347, an increase of more than \$100,000 compared with figures from 1992-93.

#### Reunion of student quad festival set for tonight

**BRIAN HOLLAND** Executive Editor

Quadstock II, the righteous reunion of the open festival of peace and love held on the UTM quad. isn't about a bunch of washed-up geezers trying to relive the glory days of two weeks ago, organizer Jeremy Holt said.

Tonight's groovy over-night gettogether will promote an even more intense oneness with nature as funseekers celebrate the Shakespeare/ boxer shorts theme, he said.

You should bring your boxers and your best Shakespeare," said Holt, a senior Biology major from Tullahoma, Tenn.

"Other things (one should) bring are a majorly peaceful attitude, sleeping bag, blankets and pillows, music, poetry and art..."

Holt has hung up posters all around campus with additional details about what to bring.

The shindig will commence as soon as the sun sets and will continue into the morning, Holt said. To preserve the nostalgia, Quadstock II will be held at the same place as the rockin' original, between Cooper Hall and the Administration Building.
Highlights of "Quadstock II" will

be a midnight Shakespeare lookalike contest, Holt said, with the first prize being "a truly joyful, satisfied feeling."

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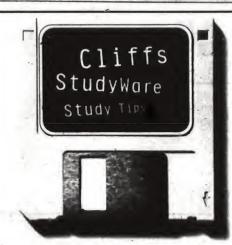
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#### News In Brief. . .

The Student Tennessee Education Association will hold its second meeting at 2 p.m. Sept. 28 in 230 Gooch. The special guest speaker will be student NEA President Marla Robertson. All Education majors are invited to attend.

Project Recycle will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 26 in 208 UC. Officer elections will be held, and tree planting, Jr. Project Recycle and theupcoming Environmental Awareness day will be discussed. All interested are invited to attend. For more info contact Mike Davis at 7600.

The Geo Club meets each Thursday at 12:15-1 p.m. in the Food Court in the UC. A field trip for caving and collecting fossils near Parsons, Tenn., is being planned for Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. For more info contact Matt Borden at 587-1978.

Tennessee Commission on National and Community Service is seeking a strong community-minded and service-oriented individual to serve as the YES (Youth Engaged in Service) Ambassador for the state of Tennessee. For more info contact the Tennessee Commission, 302 John Sevier Building, 500 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37243.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International is seeking new members. Applications for membership are available in the Political Science Office, 216 Humanities. The deadline for applications Oct. 12. There is a one-time \$40 fee for membership.

Alpha Omicron Pi's Walk-a-thon for Arthritis Research will be Sept. 25. For more info contact Michelle Skelton at 588-1145.

Legislative Internship Applications for juniors, seniors and graduate students are now available in the Political Science office, 216 Humanities. This is

for spring semester 1995, and the deadline for applications is Sept. 30.

National Student Nurses' Association Membership Drive will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Nursing Department in Gooch Hall. Membership includes NSNA, TASN and UTM-SNA.

The GED Test will be offered on Oct. 6 for adults who have not earned a high school diploma. This test is offered on a monthly, first-received basis. Registration must be completed by the Friday preceding the test. The test fee is \$20. For more info contact the GED Test Center in 110 Gooch or call 587-7727.

The Weakley County Election Commission will conduct a voter registration drive at UTM from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., on Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 in the UC.

A Public Forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 4 in the UC by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to discuss the document titled "Vision 2000: A New Life for Tennesseans." For more info or to arrange for interviews, contact Kevin Wright in 340 Gooch or call 587-7114.

"A Century of African-American Experience" is on display at the University Museum in the Holland McCombs Center until Sept. 23. This exhibit is by Exhibits USA and consists of photographs and videos. Holland McCombs Center is open from 1-4 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more info call 587-7454.

The German Club, Die deutschen Kartoffelpuffer, invites all students interested in the German culture and language to attend their 6 p.m. meeting Sept. 29 in 409 Humanities.

UTM Chapter of LDSSA (Latter Day Saints Student Association) meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in the UC. The purpose of the local chapter is to provide students with a religious education. LDSSA is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. For more info call 587-5371.

Tri-Beta, honors organization for Biology students and other interested persons, meets at 5 p.m. every other Thursday in 210 Brehm. The next meeting

is today.

The Employment Information Center invites all seniors and faculty members to attend an open house, to be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 28 in 250 UC.

Upcoming Campus Interviews -- U.S. Navy Recruiting District Headquarters will be interviewing Nursing, Science and Math majors for commissioned officer positions today. Kroger will be interviewing all majors on Sept. 30 for management trainee positions. The Tennessee Department of Audit will be interviewing students who will have completed a BS in Accounting in December or May for an Auditor I postion on Oct. 4. All interviews and sign-ups are held in 250 UC.

Reformed University Fellowship meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday in the UC. Check the UC information board for the room number.

The History Club will meet at 5 p.m. today in 306 Humanities.

A travel study program to London will be offered during Christmas break, Dec. 26 - Jan. 8. UTM faculty will offer courses in Education and Business as part of a travel study program to London. More info can be obtained in 109 Gooch.

The Family Preservation Services and Domestic Violence Teleconference will be held 1-3 p.m. Sept. 28 in Glenn Gallien Auditorium, Gooch Hall. The topic of the teleconference will be "Family Violence and Understanding and Intervening in Cases of Spouse/Partner Abuse." The fee is \$5.

The Personal Leadership and Goal Setting Workshop will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 and Oct. 20 in 207 UC. The fee is \$45, and the deadline to register is Sept. 29.

The Law School Admission Test will be offered three times during the 1994-95 academic year: Oct. 1; Dec. 3 and Feb. 11. Applications for the test and the Law School Data Assembly Service 1994-95 are available in 216 Humanities. Two practice LSATs will be administered, and information on review courses, study guides and law school catalogs are also available. For more info call 7481.

Circle K will hold a meeting at 9 p.m. Sept. 27 in 208 UC. Anyone is welcome to join this organization, which strives to help needy children and people for the better welfare of others.

WUTM FM will host a contemporary Christian music show, "The Christian Celebration," at 6-8 p.m. every Monday and a sports call-in show, "Sports on a Friday Night with Adams and Wright," from 4-6 p.m. every Friday. Diversity awareness will be focus of week

APRIL NETTLES

Staff Writer

Diversity Awareness Week, a week-long string of events to promote an understanding of other cultures, will be celebrated next week with several special events on cam-

The week, sponsored by SGA Secretary of Minority Affairs Cynthia Alexander, will begin with a Collegiate Gospel Explosion on Sunday. Choirs from Murray State, Lane College, Ole Miss, Morehead State, University of Memphis and UTM will perform (see box for more info).

Monday will be Heritage Day. International displays will be organized by Safety and Security Officer Darrell Simmons, International Programs and the Black Students Association.

On Tuesday, SGA will host a Heriwill be organized by fraternities, sororities, the Education Department

and the Counseling Center. These exhibits will focus on cultural diversity and understanding, and appreciating handicapped students.

An International Fashion Show will be held Wednesday featuring casual and business attire. The highlight of the evening will be an international intermission, featuring costumes from various cultures.

On Thursday, motivational speaker Ora Mathis will speak to students.

The purpose of Diversity Awareness Week is to promote a sense of awareness and a greater appreciation and understanding of other cultures, Alexander said.

She said she got the idea to create such a week after reading a letter in The Pacer last semester. The letter, written by a Native American student, recognized that many cultures are neglected on campus.

"I hope that this week will make tage Picnic on the UC patio. Exhibits UTM students aware of the various people and cultures that we have here at UTM," she said.

UTM DIVERSITY AWARENESS WEEK

SUNDAY SEPT. 25 COLLEGIATE GOSPEL **EXPLOSION** FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM 5:45 P.M.

MONDAY SEPT. 26

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Kim Wenz, Features Editor

# **After Class**

# Getting into government

By Brian Holland

Though just a sophomore, Poli-Sci major Frank Stevenson is learning about politics from real-world experience, not just books.

ometimes people don't quite know what to think when Frank
Stevenson tells them he wants to be a politician.

To some people it's just hard at first to picture Frank, a deeply religious man who prides himself in values and morals, as the stereotypical smooth-talking, baby-kissing, not-always-100-percent-honest politician.

"I've even had a couple of women who I've dated kind of frown down on the fact that I want to be a politician," said



a sophomore Political Science major from Nashville. "Some people have a bad vibe about them. Statements like 'all politicians are crooks' do bother me, but I can't just turn away from doing what I think is right because of negative images."

Negative perceptions aside, a career in politics is something Frank has beenwanting to pursue for quite some time. And he hasn't been shy about going out and getting involved in his chosen profession.

Frank, a devoted Democrat, has already accumulated a sizable amount of both real-world and student-political experience. At his hometown, Frank has volunteered numerous hours on the campaigns of Public Service Commissioner Steve Hewlett, 19th District Sen. Thelma Harper, City Councilman Julius Sloss and, while at UTM, the gubernatorial campaign of Political Science professor Richard Chesteen.

Frank was the president of his middleschool student council and served in student council all four years at McGavock High School, working his way up to president by his senior year. As a freshman last year, he served as president of the Ellington Hall Association and is a member of the Tennessee Young Democrats.

This year he is serving as attorney general for SGA, in which he serves as the prosecuting attorney on behalf of the administration in Student Court cases. "I'm attorney general but I'm also an SGA Cabinet member and work closely on a number of activities for SGA."

Frank said he wants to get a law degree after graduating from UTM and then get involved in some capacity with state government. He hopes he can make a difference someday in public policy and perhaps in some small way help remedy what he sees as a disturbing trend in today's society.

"I still remember in my senior year when my coach came up to me and said we couldn't pray as a team anymore," said Frank, who is on the Executive Board of the Highest Praise Gospel Choir at UTM.

"I would like to see us restore some of those moral standards that our government seems to be pushing away from," he said. "Historically our government was built around the church. It would be outrageous for anyone to assume that the church has no influence on the state of government.

"I'm not going into politics to make everyone focus on religion. I'm a very religious person, but I'm not saying I would try to make anyone take on my perspective of religion, but I do want to see some basic moral values restored in politics. The separation of church and state is becoming farther and farther apart, far from what our forefathers intended."

Frank said his many years working on student governments has helped him not only to fine-tune his political savvy, but also to gain many other practical skills.

"When you get into a leadership position, you learn how to work with people, and it has definitely taught me discipline," he said.

And even though it may be a far cry from the real world of politics, Frank said student government has taught him early that politicians are not always the most wellloved individuals. "I'll never forget it. In eighth'grade I was president of my student council, and I didn't want our homecoming dance to be the same old thing -- that year I wanted it to be really exciting."

Frank talked a local band that was extremely popular with the students into verbally agreeing to play at the dance. He advertised that they would be there and had it announced over the school intercom. But they never showed up, and Frank was the scapegoat of an angry student body.

"It seemed like the whole school -- even the teachers -- were mad at me," he said.
"A couple of them even thought I made the whole thing up. It was a total failure. It kind of shocked me, and I was afraid to go back into student government."

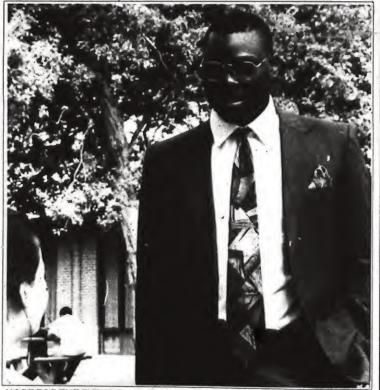
But Frank says he has come to realize that character assassination is just an occupational hazard that he will have to involved in the campaign, and says it proved to be an invaluable experience.

Frank was actively involved in Chesteen's gubernatorial campaign, frequently traveling with him across the state to help drum up support.

"I never thought that I would be working on a gubernatorial campaign," Frank said. "I gained a tremendous knowledge of the office of governor. Just like when I was working with Hewlett, it gave me a good understanding of the office of public service commissioner."

Frank said simply the willingness to take the initiative is what led to those two opportunities.

"They didn't come to me; they didn't know me. But I knew this was something I wanted to do so I made myself available. That's all I had to do. Just taking the initiative sometimes can be rewarding."



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE -- Frank Stevenson, who hopes to someday seek a public office, began his political career while still in middle school. Frank is currently the attorney general for SGA.

Photo by W.Matt Meyer

learn to handle in his anticipated career in the public eye.

"I realize that things may happen (in politics) where you may not be put up on the pedestal. You may be talked about or brought down or whatever. But as long as you do the best you can do and have that self assurance within you that you did all that you can do, that's what counts."

When Frank found out last year that a fellow Democrat and professor at UTM was seeking the state's highest office, he took the initiative to find out how he could get

Frank said his philosophy in life is "with God all things are possible" and that he believes that dedication is the secret to

"I could focus on the fact that I'm-African-American and be disappointed if I didn't win something or whatever the case may be. But I don't let it serve as an excuse for not being a success."

Editor's note: Student Spotlight is a monthly feature that focuses on outstanding students and their accomplishments

# GREEKFEST BEGINS NEXT WEEK; AFP PLANS PICNIC; AKA FALL FREEZE

Greekfest starts next Wednesday, Sept. 28, and continues with greek competitions and festivities until after the Murray State game on Saturday.

Wednesday is dress up day for the greeks. An educational speaker will address the greek organizations at 7:30 p.m. in the UC.

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Thursday, Sept. 29, is sorority and fraternity letter day. Lip-sync will be at 7:30 p.m. in Lady Pacer Fieldhouse.

Friday is Orange and Blue day and the greeks are encouraged to wear UTM colors.

The greek organizations are also teaming up on Friday for a canned food drive from 4-6 p.m. throughout Martin. All canned goods collected will be given to We Care Ministries.

"We are dividing up into teams with representatives from each greek organization in a team, and then will go door-to-door throughout the community," Greekfest co-chairman Todd Rainey said.

Steppin' will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Scpt. 30, in Lady Pacer Fieldhouse. An all-greek and invite only party will be held after Steppin' between the  $\Pi KA$  and the  $AT\Omega$  lots.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the greeks will meet at 4 p.m. in the football stadium parking lot to caravan to the game. There will be a greek spirit competition at the game.

Each Greekfest activity will be judged on participation, and the main events (Lip-Sync and Steppin') will be judged for first

and second place from each division, Best-of-Show and crowd favorite. The spirit competition will only be judged during the game for first- and second-place awards.

The points will then be tallied, and the organization with the most participation points and event points will win the Greekfest trophy.

"Each year the events have been getting bigger and bigger, and this year we expect it to be larger than in years past." Rainey said.

Admission to Lip-Sync and Steppin' is \$1 or one canned good at the door. Any money that is raised will be donated to Habitat for Humanios.

#### ATP PICNIC

The Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity is holding a community picnic on Sept. 29. The picnic is intended to show the community their appreciation. Everyone is invited to the festivities.

#### AKA FALL FREEZE

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is holding a Fall Freeze at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, in 206 UC. This allows girls interested in the sorority to become more informed of the sorority's purpose and its activities.

#### ZTA WALK RESULTS

Zeta Tau Alpha held its third annual Walk for the Cure on Saturday, Sept. 17, along with a yard sale.

This year they raised more than \$1,500 to donate to the Susan G. Coleman Breast Cancer Foundation for breast cancer research.

Alpha Gamma Delta, the only other sorority participating, received the award for raising the most money among the sororities, donating more than \$60.

#### **AOII WALK-A-THON**

The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi will sponsor a Walk-a-thon from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25. All, donations and contributions will go to the Arthritis Research Foundation. After Class

### 'Natural Born Killers': Weird or what?

RANDALL LILES
Movie Critic

"Bad, bad, bad, bad, bad, bad, bad, bad..." was Mallory Knox's (Juliet Lewis) reaction to one of her maniac husband's murders. The reaction could also represent a synopsis for "Natural Born Killers." Not a bad movie, just bad.

It's somewhat reminiscent of "Bonnie & Clyde," and the movie about the guy in the Bruce Springsteen song. "Natural Born Killers" follows Mickey (Woody Harrelson) and Mallory Knox down "Route 666" in their violent, nerveracking search for whatever it is they are searching.

The young Knoxes meet 52 people along the way, whom they kill. Everyone obviously wants to avoid Mickey and Mallory except for a few. Tabloid-TV producer-Robert Downey Jr. wants to exploit them for ratings. A "Bad Lieutenant"-type detective, Tom Sizemore, hopes to bring them down and then write a book about it. The darkly comedic prison warden, Tommy Lee Jones, simply wants to dispose of the pesky pair by whatever means necessary.

None of the characters is likable, but Mickey and Mallory are the most attractive and intelligent. They know right from wrong, "they just don't give a damn."

Like a bloody car wreck we can't look away from, the deadly duo is expectedly romanticized by the media. A teen-ager states in a mock news piece, "I'm not condoning kill-

ing, but if I was a mass murderer, I'd esque-quick-cut edits, and a handbe Mickey and Mallory." Lead heldcamera style that looks as though

Mercifully, there is some comic relief available to lighten up the shock from all the holes being blown into people. Most of the funny stuff is supplied by the McCluskey character (Jones) with his creatively expletive-laden ravings and with Mickey adding some of his own.

Before a TV interview, Mickey is concerned that someone had better ratings than he on the tabloid show. When it is explained that only Charles Manson is better, he says, "Yeah, it's hard to beat the king."

The original script, written by Quinten Tarrentino ("Reservoir Dogs") then subsequently operated upon by director Oliver Stone and several script doctors, presents the mindless, cyclic violence that exists in America.

Mallory's back story is displayed as a twisted sit-com complete with intrusive, canned laughter with Rodney Dangerfield, as a cross between Ted and Al Bundy, who abuses his daughter in every sense of the word. He later meets his demise at the hands of his cheering daughter and her significant other. Stone uses absurdity to expose absurdity. He attacks violent families, the ratingshungry media and all the "morons" (you and me) that follow the media.

Stone uses every current cinematic trick in the book to fashion this absurdly surrealistic production. Several types of film stock, rear projection, harsh stage lighting, animation and morphing are used. Also incorporated are annoying hip MTV-

esque-quick-cut edits, and a handheld camera style that looks as though an inebriated chimp is operating the camera. Violent images fly from the tortured minds of the characters and land briefly on the screen.

The film is rated R,(no wonder) as well over 100 shots had to be trimmed to avoid an NC-17 rating. Not to worry, a director's cut is promised for next year on video.

The reason you have for going to any movie will be the greatest factor in determining if you will like this one. If your goal is simply to be entertained, then skip "Natural Born Killers." If you're not overly squeemish and would like to see a potentially thought-provoking film with a slick look, then go. I-probably wouldn't take my mother to see it.

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# VALERIE: Friends admired her spirit

From the cover...

she met Valerie and Eleonore through her husband, a professor at Union. "When they were in Jackson, they took a course taught by my husband. We got to know them rather well and had them at our home," she said.

"Valerie was very courageous, very bright, well organized, determined and strong. She knew what she wanted, and she went after it," Carls said.

Both women had expressed an interest in coming to UTM, Carls said. so last spring she brought them here for a visit.

"I met them the first day they came to campus last spring. They came here wanting to be in pre-vet and to be on the rodeo team," Baker said. "Both were expert horsewomen. All trained horses in their country." Valerie and Eleonore had ridden horses since the age of 3.

interest in the rodeo team, Baker said. "Valerie's dream was to ride ness." broncos. I remember the day they came in and several of us were talking about horses. One of our secretaries said, 'Girls don't ride broncos.' Valerie said, 'Why not?'"

Valerie was the first female to ride a saddle bronc bucking horse during Rodeo Coach Tony Coleman's 16 years with the UTM rodeo team.

Baker said that this was her dream.

"It was her dream, and she was doing it. These young ladies got out and rode horses no one else would ride. They could handle the mean ones. These ladies were experts, seemingly afraid of nothing. I certainly admire them and hold them in the highest respect," Baker said.

"I have heard that she was doing very well, that she had earned the respect of all members on the rodeo team," Baker also said. "In any sport, you have to be prepared. (Accidents) can happen. We don't think they will, but we have to remember that potential for harm is always there."

Unfortunately, that potential became reality for Valerie on Tuesday.

'When they called me (Tuesday) night, at first I couldn't believe it,' Carls said. "Before we went to bed their lives they had worked with and my husband said, 'It had to be a prank call. We'll wake up in the morning and Valerie will be okay.'

"She knew the risks and was will-Valerie immediately expressed an ing to take them. She had that American spirit -- daringness and willing-

> Carls wasn't the only one touched by Valerie's spirit. French Professor Dr. Robert Peckham said he was also struck by the "two French ladies who were so taken up with rodeo.

> "I was struck by the merger of French and American culture. These two were so American in so many

"I remember the last time I saw

them, they seemed to be so happy. This has thrown the whole department into an emotional loop,' Peckham said.

Valerie and Eleonore had just begun working in the Department of Modern Foreign Language as student assistants.

"We got many students in touch with them who were having trouble (in French). There was an overwhelm? ing positive reaction from the students. The students said they hoped (Valerie and Eleonore) would teach a course because they were so helpful," Peckham said.

"I knew there must be something special about them. We were tremendously pleased to have them. They were two people with so much atmosphere about them," he said.

"It's so sad. They were going after their dream together. They were indispensable to each other," Carls said, "They were very close. You can't talk about Valerie without talking about Leo."

"It's going to be very hard for Leo. When you lose a twin, you lose half. of yourself. You have to reinvent your own identity," Carls also said.

"I was very, very sad to hear about Valerie. Whatever we can do as a group to be supportive, we will do," Peckham said.

"It's all so sad. It's incomprehensible to lose someone so young. It's so unfair," Carls said.

### SPANISH: Week continues tonight with festival at UC patio

From the cover...
in Spanish."

Today, the influence of Hispanics is still present throughout the United

"Latino culture has enriched American lifestyles through vocabulary, food, theater, film and art," Varona said.

He said cities, counties and nine states give testimony to their Hispanic origin. In fact, Santa Fe is the oldest capital in the United States and was settled by Spaniards. Varona said Hispanics also fought in the American Revolution and War of 1812, but textbooks are silent on these contributions.

· Varona also emphasized the importance of minorities needing heroes so they can be proud of their heritage.

For example, David Farragut was the first Admiral in the United States Navy during the Civil War. He is not only a hero for Hispanics, but is known world-wide, Varona said.

Hispanics are the fastest growing population in America and their contributions are evident in politics, business, literature and defense. Half a million Hispanics served in the Korean War, 38 Hispanics received the Congressional Medal of Honor,

for info

two received the Nobel Prize and three Hispanics are astronauts. Varona said the future only holds more for Hispanics to contribute in American life and to accomplish.

"Universities need to continue to teach multicultural diversity to teach students how to strive for eternal peace, meaning to respect cultural differences and to work to solve problems peacefully," Varona said.
Southern Cultures Week events

will continue today with students's participation. Students and faculty will read well-known literature in Spanish with translation into English at 11 a.m. to noon in the Gooch auditorium.

Besides the reading of literature, Dr. Alicia Welden, a Spanish professor said several students will sing, dance and also play the guitar. These students will perform again during the "Festival of Southern Song and Dance" at 7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

Laura Norton, a senior Spanish and English major involved with today's activities said. "I think it is very important to understand other cultures. Spanish is a very important' part of American culture to-

### Fraternity Sports Update... It's all about Participation.

As you can see by the sports listed below some teams may have a 0 (zero) in that partcular sport. The team with the 0 (zero) is not based on the teams winning effort but on their effort period. Teams receive points up to 100 for participation and 100 for sportsmanship. So it is very likely for a fraternity to pick up 200 points by simply showing up and playing. Below is a up-to-date listing of the fraternity standing in the Campus Recreation Sports Program. Fraternities compete for the Chancellor's Cup every spring which is compiled of 25% who recently had ababy girl on monday/Campus Recreation Outdoors will take a mountain bike Sports 25% Scholarship (Andrews the Labora Court and Retween the Labo Sports, 25% Scholarship/Academics, 25% Community Service and 25% Fraternity Relations. '

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#### $AT\Omega$ 's and KA's kick it out

The Brothers of Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Alpha Order duel it out this week to see who the top fraternity team is in the Campus Recreation Sports Soccer league. The AT $\Omega$ 's gometo this game undefeated against the one-loss KA's.

trip to Land Between the Lakes on October 1st. The trip is \$20.00 and includes tranportation of bikes and lunch. Sign up deadline is set for Wednesday, September 28. Space is limited so get your bike greased up! Contact Brian Brown in the Campus Recreation Office at 7793

Football to start next week

Campus Recreation has forty team enrolled in the Campus Recreation Sports/Domino's Flag Football League. Teams will be competing from Independent to Co-Rec to Fratemity and Sorority. Your team can ckeck the schedule posted outside the Campus Recreation Office each week for game times. For questions regarding flag football contact Steve Caldwell in the Campus Recreation Office at 7746.

### TRAGEDY: Rodeo team members 'devastated'

From the cover...

ride bucking horses," Coleman said. "It was her goal to ride them good enough to win."

Although Devillers was the only woman to try to ride a bucking horse he said her gender had nothing to do with the accident.

"Her being female had nothing to do with it," he said. "Any (male) in the same situation, under the same same thing happen to him."

Coleman said Devillers, who had day there," Coleman said, on Wednesday night Dr. Amy ridden horses since she was 3, prepared to ride bucking horses by practicing on a bucking simulator ma-

S&S reports indicated her first experience on a bucking horse was Sept. 8. She was bucked off, but wasn't hurt. Her second time was on Sept. 15, when she was bucked off, hung in stirrups for some time, but again was not hurt.

Coleman said she appeared fearless before trying again on Tuesday. "In fact, I wanted her to get on a lesser animal, but she replied it didn't buck enough."

Devillers understood the inherent dangers of the sport, Coleman said.

Just two weeks ago, Eleonore Devillers had broken her leg in a private riding accident in another town, said Bud Grimes, director of University Relations.

"Valerie was well aware of the in Coleman's 16 years with the team, danger," Coleman said. "In fact, one of our alumni recently talked to her about that. He told her the old rodeo adage, 'It's not if you'll get hurt, it's when you'll get hurt."

"I know that horses were her life. conditions, would have had the exact You didn't have to be at the barn much to know she spent most of her

> Hack of the UTM Counseling Center visited Browning Hall, where the Devillers sisters shared a room, to talk to friends and acquaintances of the deceased.

> Hack said Dr. Wallace Crider, director of the Counseling Center, will be talking with some of the distraught rodeo team members.

> "They're pretty much devastated," Coleman said. "They're taking it pretty hard. Most of them won't say anything."

> Funeral arrangements were incomplete yesterday, but will be announced by Murphy Funeral Home of Martin.



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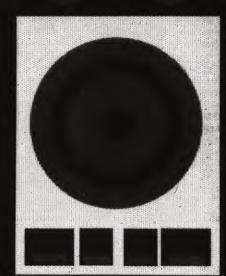
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# **Pacer Sports**

# Pacer football team holds off stubborn Lane, 14-6

ANDRE' JOHNSON
Associate News Editor

The UTM football team opened its home schedule Saturday night against Lane, winning 14-6.

The Dragons, who were embarrassed 73-0 back in 1990 when they invaded Pacer Stadium, showed up with a, different attitude for this game.

The first quarter of the contest featured both teams displaying strong defensive efforts.

There were a total of five penalties in the first four minutes of the game. Early penalties by Lane backed them deep on UTM's side of the field and put the Pacers in great field position. However, Lane's defense was relentless as the Pacers were forced to punt three times during the opening period.

UTM quarterback, Charles "Doc" Gamble, Week One OVC Offensive Player of the Week, was under constant pressure by the Lane de-

Gamble was sacked twice and intercepted once as the first quarter ended with no score.

With 9:09 left in the second quarter, UTM quarterback Todd Mather broke loose and scrambled to the Dragons' one-yard line.

However, the play was called back because of a holding penalty by the Pacers. UTM lost more yards when Mather was sacked on the next play, and the Dragons forced a punt.

UTM's biggest play of the game came when Gamble completed a 50-yard strike to Lenny Harris setting up a first and goal at the Lane 6-yard line.

Three plays later, fullback Kevin Gillian created the game's first score with a 1-yard touchdown run with 1:42 left in the half, giving UTM a 7-0 halftime advantage.

UTM Coach Don McLeary was quite surprised with Lane's defense. "During the half, I told my guys that we must have patience and that our running game must get tougher," McLeary said.

UTM's first possession of the third quarter resulted in no points as a field goal attempt by Matt Young went wide right.

Lane's opening possession of the third quarter featured the Dragons moving the ball into UTM territory until quarterback Thaddeus Guidry fumbled and the Pacers recovered.

After UTM went three-and-out off the turnover, Lane's next possession was also threatening until fullback Billy Bell fumbled at the Dragons' 33-yard line. Defensive tackle Brad Godwin recovered the fumble for UTM. This Pacer possession would last until the fourth quarter.

Lane's first score came with 12:31 left in the game when Steven Savoy hit wide receiver Rodney Castille for a 43-yard touchdown reception. However, the Dragon's two-point conversion after the score was denied by UTM as the Pacers' lead was cut to one, 7-6.

The touchdown by Lane covered a total of 97 yards on five plays in 2:10.

Lane's defense kept its poise as it forced another UTM punt with 8:09 left in the game.

Again, UTM began another possession from the 50-yard line with 6:01 remaining. But again, Lane's defense was still knocking at the door as the Pacers' punting unittook the field one more time.

With 5:34 remaining, UTM gained breathing room when defensive back Preston Jones picked off a pass intended for Rodney Castille and returned it 23 yards for a touchdown.

Lane had one last chance when Savoy threw a deep pass in to the endzone. However, the play was broken up by Dewayne Harper. The Pacers escaped their first home test of the season.

Lane coach Craig Gilliam was proud of the way his defense handled UTM

"I thought the defensive unit played exceptionally well. The loss came from the offense's inability to move the ball on the ground. We have got to improve on our overall running game in the future," Gilliam said.

McLeary felt relieved after this

ontest.

"I certainly feel we can do better," McLeary said. "We did not have any consistency offensively. Lane's defense was stronger, bigger, and quicker. We looked ugly, but we were fortunate to walk away winners."

UTM improved its record on the year to 2-0, as Lane fell to 0-2.

The Pacers travel to Cape Girardeau, Mo. Saturday to kick off its conference season against Southeast Missouri.

# Volleyball team wins opening home match

After three tournaments and 12 total matches, the Lady Pacer volleyball team opened its home schedule Tuesday, defeating UT Chattanogra

The Lady Pacers swept the Lady Mocs 15-13, 15-6, 15-4.

The team will continue the homestand this weekend as it starts the Ohio Valley Conference portion of its schedule Friday night.

Tennessee Tech will pay a visit to Lady Pacer Fieldhouse for a 7 p.m. match. The Lady Pacers will host Middle Tennessee State at 11 a.m. Saturday and close the brief fourmatch homestand against Southeast Missouri on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

UTM carries a 6-7 overall record into the weekend's play. UTM won one of three matches over the weekend in Furman's Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

The Lady Pacers lost to host Furman 15-4, 15-4, 15-13 in the opener. UTM defeated Liberty University 15-5, 15-11, 15-6, before losing to OVC foe Tennessee Tech 15-3, 12-15, 15-5, 15-9. The Tech match does not count in the OVC standings.

Sophomore Erin Wayne led UTM with 138 kills and had 126 defensive digs after the Furman tournament. Lenora McKinzie led the Lady Pacers with 24 service aces to go along with a team-high 128 digs. Junior Traci Tisch led the squad with 51 blocks through the first 12 matches.

All home matches are in the Fieldhouse, and admission is free.

# Cross country teams finish fifth, eighth at Western Kentucky

The Lady Pacer cross country team recorded a fifth-place finish in the eight-team field Saturday at the Track Legends Classic hosted by Western Kentucky.

Freshman Dorothy Denko led the Lady Pacers as she finished 14th overall, running the 5-kilometer course in 19 minutes, 44 seconds. Senior Michelle Herbison finished with a time of 20:42, finishing 24th.

Eastern Kentucky won with a team score of 31. Other scores were Georgia 55, Western Kentucky 57, Kentucky 99, UTM 141, Murray State 186, Tennessee State 208 and Kentucky State 224.

Other UTM runners and their finishes were Kelly Fox (30th), Amy Bridges (32nd), Kendra Parkansky (41st) and Rashanda Johnson (54th). The Pacer cross country team finished eighth in a field of nine teams for a second straight week at the Western Kentucky meet.

Alex Gainer led the UTM runners with a time of 30 minutes, 23 seconds on the 5-mile course and finished 45th overall.

Western Kentucky won the event with a score of 36. Other scores were Southern Indiana 46, Eastern Kentucky 85, Lindsey Wilson 100, Georgia 109, Murray State 202, Kentucky 265, UTM 274 and Tennessee State 298.

Other UTM runners and their places were Steve Thaggard (55th), Arthur Kirkland (56th), Miguel Reed (57th), Thomas Naughton (61st), Joel Crady (63rd) and Mike Armstrong (64th).



HOT PURSUIT - UTM's Carlton Sisco (27) leads the Pacer defensive pursuit of Lane quarterback Steven Savoy in the Pacers' 14-6 win Saturday at Pacer Stadium. The UTM defense limited the Dragon offense to one score and scored an insurance touchdown to seal the win.

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#### **WEEK 3 RESULTS**

UTM 14, Lane 6 Murray St. 23, SE Missouri 16 Tenn. Tech 20, Samford 7 Youngstown St. 13, E. Ky. 6 W. Kentucky 21, Austin Peay 3 Tenn. St. 48, Morehead St. 10

#### THIS WEEK'S GAMES

SATURDAY UTM at SE Missouri, 6 p.m. Tenn. Tech at Morehead, 12:30 Eastern Ky. at Austin Peay, 6:30 MTSU at Murray St., 7 Tennessee State vs. South Carolina State in Atlanta, 3

#### **OVC Football Standings**

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